Medical Sciences (NIMS) is one of the 13 medical colleges identified for upgradation under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY).

(b) An outlay of Rs. 120 crores has been approved for upgradation of NIMS. Out of this, the Central Government assistance in the form of civil construction and procurement of equipments would be limited to Rs. 100 crores and the remaining Rs. 20 crores shall be borne by the State Government/Institution.

(c) The project is likely to be completed by 2009.

Herbal medicine for oral cancer

2818. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been reproted that a herbal mixture is available in Kerala for Re. 1/- which would control the pain effect of radiation for oral cancer patients; and

(b) if so, whether Government are planning to utilize this medicine as pain killer for cancer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIAMTI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) An Ayurvedic formulation, which was tested as mouth wash in patients undergoing radiation for oral cancer was found to give relief to pain caused by swelling of gums and cheek due to inflammation resulting from radiation. The clinical trial was collaborative study between Regional Cancer Centre and Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology in Trivandrum, Kerala and was funded by Department of AYUSH.

(b) The formulation needs to be standardized before it is commercialized.

Denial of admission to female students

2819. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that women are not being given admission in Government institutions to train as X-ray technicians and as para-medics to treat trauma patients;